

DCSS Is Here To Help

The Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) offers **FREE** services to parents to help obtain child support orders. Services include:

- Determining the child's legal father
- Obtaining orders for child support and health insurance
- Enforcing and changing existing child support orders
- Collecting and distributing child support payments

Understanding How Child Support Services Works

This brochure is a joint effort of the
County of San Diego
Department of Child Support
Services and
Health and Human Services Agency

Terms You Should Know

CUSTODIAL PARENT:

This is the person the child primarily lives with, or who has been awarded primary custody of the child by a court.

NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT: This is the parent without primary physical custody.

PATERNITY: This is the legal term for fatherhood.



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Who Is Eligible for Our Services?

The person with primary physical custody of the child is eligible for services from DCSS.

This could be a parent, relative or legal guardian.

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Come to A New Case Orientation

DCSS offer New Case Orientations throughout the County to help you learn more about the child support process. Contact Us for more information.

Locating Parents

Don't know where the other parent lives? DCSS can help, using resources available only to government agencies.

Obtaining A Child Support Order

If you don't have a court order for child support, we can help. Once you submit an application, DCSS will start the process to obtain an order from the court.

Enforcing Existing Orders

DCSS can help if you already have a child support order. We have ways to collect the child support amount including, wage assignments, license suspensions, tax refund intercepts, and others.

How to Open A Case

Your first step is to complete an application.

For an application, come by our offices or call us.

see information on back for details.

Establishing Paternity

DCSS may be able to help determine who the legal father is through one or more of the following:

Paternity Opportunity Program

Genetic testing

Court order

Referrals

DCSS can provide you with assistance in getting referrals for:

- Visitation or child custody
- Domestic violence
- Restraining orders
- Child abuse

If you currently receive cash assistance (welfare), you do NOT need to apply – a case will Be opened automatically.